Functioning of DCI

511. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of corruption in the Dental Council of India, Government have decided to formulate new sets of rules to allow greater say in its functioning;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received by Government regarding the functioning of DCI in the recent past and action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the functioning of DCI transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No change of rules are contemplated at present. However, the Government has constituted a Commission of Inquiry in 1998 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Anil Dev Singh, Delhi High Court to look into the cases of violation of provisions of the Dentists Act, 1948 by Dental Council of India and the complaints received in this regard have been referred to this Commission for enquiry.

Sickness in CPSUs

†512. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial sickness in the Central Public Sector Undertakings is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the number of undertakings found sick and running in losses as on 31st March, 2002; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) (a) and (b) As per available information, during the last three years there is no increase in the number of industrial sick CPSUs registered with BIFR. As on 31.3.2002, 66 sick industrial Central Public Sector

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